

harmless (Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 62-191025) and an apparatus in which waste water containing an organohalogen compound is aerated, the resulting exhaust gas is irradiated with ultraviolet rays and is washed with an alkali (Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 62-191095).

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 8-257570 discloses decomposition of a chlorinated ethylene with powdered iron. In this procedure, the chlorinated ethylene is probably reductively decomposed.

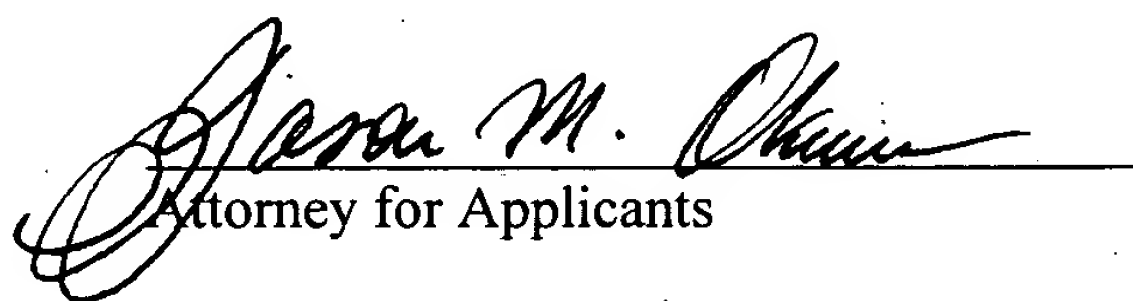
Reductive decomposition of tetrachloroethylene (hereinafter briefly referred to as "PCE") using fine silicon particles has also been reported.

REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment is to correct a typographical error in a citation of a document in the Background of the Invention section of the specification. No new matter has been added. Consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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